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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action dated October 16, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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